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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 22, 2004, and thus due for response on October 22, 2004, please consider the following remarks and amendments for purposes of allowance, or alternatively, to narrow the issues on appeal. Applicants concurrently file herewith a petition for a three (3) month extension of time to respond, to and including January 24, 2005 since January 22, 2005 fell on a Saturday, and a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (Notice). A copy of the Notice as filed is attached hereto as a courtesy to the Examiner.